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MEMORANDUM FOR: SPENCER ABRAHAM

Secretary of the Department of Energy

FROM:

JAMES CONNAUGHTON

Chair

SUBJECT:

FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR A GEOLOGIC

REPOSITORY FOR THE DISPOSAL OF SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL AND HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE AT YUCCA MOUNTAIN, NYE

COUNTY, NEVADA

CEQ has reviewed the "Final Environmental Impact Statement for a Geologic Repository for the Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel and High-Level Radioactive Waste at Yucca Mountain, Nye County, Nevada" which addresses the comments provided by the Environmental Protection Agency.

As noted in our previous memoranda, your Department has to date met the procedural requirements set out in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), as modified by the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, for conducting its environmental analysis of the potential decisions necessary to construct, operate and close the Yucca Mountain repository.